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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 17, 2008, in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement in view of the amendments and remarks shown on the following pages:

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and
- II. Remarks begin on page 12;